



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Student safety a concern near construction

Rialto students seeking shortcuts to and from school have been climbing fences and crossing construction sites where fast-moving equipment is operating. During the past week, groups of 20 students or more were seen climbing construction fences near Spruce Avenue, north of the freeway. Students have been directed to use the newly completed pedestrian bridge at Lilac Avenue.



The situation is very serious, because construction crews are operating scrapers to move dirt through the freeway corridor. These scrapers move at high speeds, and the drivers sit far from the ground, which makes it difficult to see students who may be in their path. Large dirt mounds also cause sight obstructions. Students could be severely injured or killed.

SANBAG is working with the Rialto Unified School District's director of safety and security to dispatch officers to locations that students are seen climbing over fences. The agency also is placing signs on fences to remind students to cross the freeway on the Lilac pedestrian bridge. In addition, SANBAG is communicating with parents through the Kolb Middle School ConnectEd telephone outreach system and with printed notices to remind them of the dangers of trespassing in construction sites.



Noisy work to start again in San Bernardino

Construction crews will be anchoring bridges being built at California Street and 27th Street in San Bernardino, a process that creates a lot of noise.

Crews will anchor the bridges by driving steel beams into the ground. Known as "pile driving," this operation will generate repetitive noise throughout the day.

Work on the California Street bridge will start September 19 and last about two weeks. The pile driving at the 27th Street bridge will start on approximately October 3 and take about four weeks to complete.

The work will take place Mondays through Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SANBAG regrets any inconvenience this noise may cause residents and business operators in these areas.

New freeway section now open in Rialto

Drivers now are able to travel a little longer on Route 210, with the opening of new ramps at Alder Avenue in Rialto on September 8. Caltrans opened the ramps before peak afternoon commute hours.

The freeway now ends at Alder, about three-fourths of a mile east of Sierra Avenue in Fontana, the former freeway end-point. The remaining 7.25 miles of freeway are expected to open at one time, likely in late 2007.

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